



19 July 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT AT BOWEN SECONDARY (2024 TERM ASSESSMENT 3) – SECONDARY 3

1. The school's Term Assessment 3 will start from week 5. The Pen and Paper Assessment is scheduled from Tuesday, 6 August 2024 to Friday, 16 August 2024.

2. Assessment Structure and Weightings

- The weightings of the TAs and exams are as follows:

| Subjects | Term 1 (TA1) | Term 2 (TA2) | Term 3 (TA3) | Term 4 (EYE) | Overall |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| All Examinable Subjects | 15% | 15% | 15% | 55% | 100% |

3. Assessment Modes for TAs

- **Alternative Assessments (AAs)** include practical tasks / portfolios / class presentations, etc. These allow students to demonstrate their learning more creatively and holistically. Teachers will brief students on success criteria and provide details through a 'Task Sheet' issued 2-3 weeks before the submission deadline. The deadlines for various AAs are typically spread out over **Weeks 5 to 7** to help students manage their workload/time. AAs in selected subjects may be due in other weeks, based on the scope/sequence of learning.
- **Pen and Paper (PPs)** tests comprise written assessments that are more aligned with examination requirements. These help students better understand and work towards established national standards. All PPs are spread out throughout **Weeks 7 to 8**. The duration of each PP is typically 50 min long and is conducted in the first two periods of the day. Normal timetabled lessons will resume from 9.00am onwards.

4. Students' learning in each subject will be assessed through either AA or PP (not both). For example, a student offering 7 subjects will have a total of 7 AAs or PPs during each TA Window. About 3-5 subjects will be assessed through AAs while the rest will be assessed through PPs (this proportion may vary across terms).


5. We strongly advise all students to take TAs seriously as these will provide important information about their subject mastery and learning gaps. Any absences **must be** supported by a Medical Certificate or reason deemed valid by the school.

6. Please refer to the **Annex** included at the end of this letter for the **TA3 Schedule**.
7. Termly result slips will be issued to keep parents/guardians informed of their child's/ward's progress. Form Teachers may meet or speak with parents/guardians of selected students.
8. Should you need any clarification, please feel free to contact your child/ward's Form Teacher. We seek your support in ensuring that your child/ward prepares well for all assessments.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Chen', with a small flourish at the end.

MR BENJAMIN CHEN
VICE-PRINCIPAL

|  | | Term Assessment 3 | | | | | |
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| | | Secondary 3 | | | | | |
| Week | Day | Date | Alternative Assessment | Pen and Paper (8-8.50am) | Venue | | |
| Term 3 Week 5 22 - 26 Jul 2024 | Students will submit tasks during lessons | | Pure Bio - AA (Practical Test) | | | | |
| Term 3 Week 5 - 6 22 - 2 Aug 2024 | Students will submit tasks during lessons | | Pure Phy - AA (Practical Test) | | | | |
| Term 3 Week 6 29 Jul - 2 Aug 2024 | Students will submit tasks during lessons | | Pure Chem - AA (Practical Test) | | | | |
| | | | "O" Sci Chem - AA (Practical Test) | | | | |
| | | | "O" Sci Phy - AA (Practical Test) | | | | |
| | | | "O" Sci Bio- AA (Practical Test) | | | | |
| | | | Pure Geog - AA (GI) (DDL) | | | | |
| | | | "NA" Lit Elect - AA (DDL) | | | | |
| | | | "O" Hist Elect - AA (DDL) | | | | |
| | | | "NA" Hist - AA (DDL) | | | | |
| "NA" Hist Elect - AA (ICT Project) (DDL) | | | | | | | |
| Term 3 Week 7 5 - 9 Aug 2024 | Students will submit tasks during lessons | | Art - AA (Art Helps to See Things in New Ways - 3D Sculpture, Photograph, Perspective Drawing) (DDL) | | | | |
| | | | DT - AA. (Design Communication - CAD) (DDL) | | | | |
| | Tues | 6 August 2024 | | | | "O" English | Classroom |
| | | | | | | "NA" English | Classroom |
| | | | | | | "NT" English | Classroom |
| Wed | 7 August 2024 | | Social Studies | Classroom | | | |
| | | | CPA | Comp Labs 1 & 2 | | | |
| Term 3 Week 8 12 - 16 Aug 2024 | Mon | 12 August 2024 | | Higher Mother Tongue (HCL, HML, HTL) | Classroom | | |
| | | | | "O" Mother Tongue Languages (CL, ML, TL) | Classroom | | |
| | | | | "NA" Mother Tongue Languages (CL, ML, TL) | Classroom | | |
| | | | | "NT" Mother Tongue Languages (BCL, BML, BTL) e paper | Comp Labs 1 & 2 Duration: 30 min | | |
| | Tues | 13 August 2024 | | "O" Geog Elect | Classroom | | |
| | | | | "NA" Geog Elect | Classroom | | |
| | | | | Elements of Business Skills | Classroom | | |
| | Wed | 14 August 2024 | | "O" Maths | Classroom | | |
| | | | | "NA" Maths | Classroom | | |
| | | | | "NT" Maths | Classroom | | |
| | Thurs | 15 August 2024 | | "NA" Science (Phy/Chem) / "NA" Science (Chem / Bio) | Classroom | | |
| | | | Science | Classroom | | | |
| Fri | 16 August 2024 | | "O" A. Maths | Classroom | | | |
| | | | "N" A. Maths | Classroom | | | |